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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office rejecting the claims in connection with the above-identified Application. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a Three (3) Month Extension of Time. Therefore a response is due November 20, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject Application as follows: